

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
FORT MYERS DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CASE NO.: 2:21-cr-61-SPC-NPM

SIMON SANTIAGO-MARTINEZ

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**ORDER**

Under the Court's Administrative Order, Case No. 8:20-mc-25 ([Doc. 1](#)), which implements the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES"), the Court may conduct the sentencing hearing by video conferencing with Defendant **SIMON SANTIAGO-MARTINEZ'S** consent after he confers with counsel.

Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED:**

(1) On or before **October 8, 2021** at **NOON**, counsel for Defendant **SIMON SANTIAGO-MARTINEZ** must file a written notice advising the Court:

- a. whether Defendant, after consulting with defense counsel, consents to proceed with the sentencing hearing by video conferencing and by telephone if video is not reasonably available;

b. why delaying the sentencing will result in serious harm to the interests of justice; and

c. the Government's position on a videoconference sentencing hearing.

(2) If Defendant's counsel advises that Defendant consents to proceed with the hearing by video conferencing, the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to notice the hearing and provide all hearing participants with instructions for joining the hearing.

(3) The Court will address the specific findings required by the CARES Act at the video conference sentencing hearing.

**DONE AND ORDERED** in Fort Myers, Florida on August 30, 2021.

  
**SHERI POLSTER CHAPPELL**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Copies: All counsel of record